

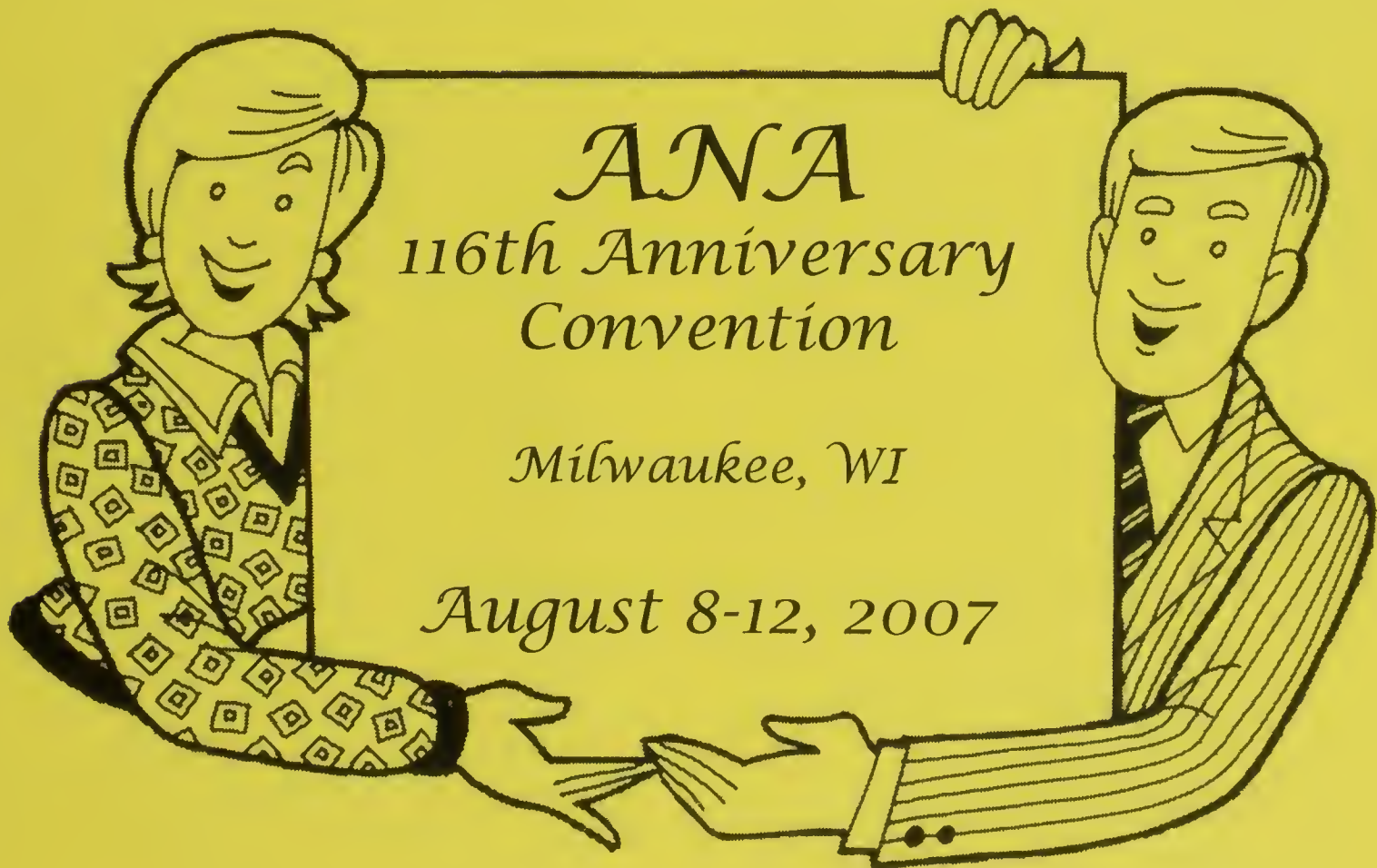


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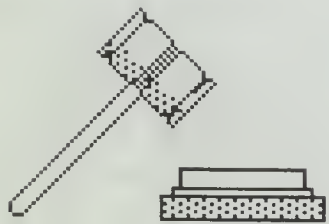
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President's Message

by Thad Streeter

Hello, Fellow Numismatists:

Summer is here and it's time for picnics, boating and the ANA World's Fair of Money!

As we all should know by now, ANA is coming to Milwaukee -- August 8th through the 12th to be exact. The 116th Convention will be in our own backyard. No reason for any of us to miss this one. This event is held in Wisconsin about once in a generation and allows us to show off to collectors from around the world.

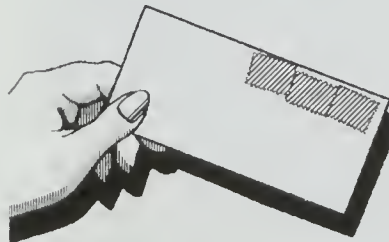
The details of the ANA Convention are being covered by others within NOW News much better than I can in the President's Message and I will leave that to the experts. I'm just excited about the event and want to make sure that NOW is able to take advantage of the traffic that an event of this magnitude will generate. NOW will be represented at ANA and will make every effort to make membership available to all who are interested.

In conjunction with ANA, the Milwaukee Public Museum will be putting their numismatic exhibit back on display with a little bit of help from NOW and a lot of help from other clubs and individuals. Be sure to take time out to view this. We have also been told that this exhibit will be up for the next 12 months at least. What a nice way to introduce the general public to the world of numismatics.

Any volunteers willing to help NOW at the ANA convention would be welcome. Please feel free to contact me at 715-355-5437 or t1s0726@hotmail.com to make the proper arrangements.

I hope to see many of you in Milwaukee. Until then, I shall remain yours in numismatics.

Thad



Letter from the
Milwaukee Public
Museum --

Numismatists of Wisconsin:

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,500 to the Milwaukee Public Museum's upcoming coin exhibit opening in August 2007.

You can be proud that the entire community benefits from the dedication and commitment you have shown to this fine institution as we continue our growth and work to remain a leading resource for science-education and cultural understanding!

Your generous support is crucial to the future of the Milwaukee Public Museum. With your help, we will ensure that the educational resources the Museum provides will expand minds and open hearts for generations to come. We appreciate all you do!

Sincerely,
Karen Spahn

Sr. Vice President of Development

Thank You

The winners of the 2006 Writer's Awards wish to thank NOW members for their votes and we also wish to thank the South Shore Coin Club, Randy Miller (Wisconsin Coin Expo) and Milwaukee Numismatic Society for donating the cash awards for the winning stories published in 2006 NOW News:

1st Wells Fargo	David Calkins, Portland, OR
2nd Frozen Assets	Phyllis Calkins, Mazomanie, WI
3rd A Christmas Story	Ron Calkins, Mazomanie, WI

N.O.W. Speakers Bureau

by Bruce Benoit

The Numismatists of Wisconsin has assembled a group of advanced numismatists to provide a Speakers Bureau for all N.O.W. member organizations. These individuals are willing to devote their time and talents to speak at gatherings (club banquets and/or meetings) or similar events. Reimbursement for travel and a small token of appreciation is all any N.O.W. member club may need to provide the speaker.

There is a wide range of program topics to choose from, and the list keeps growing. If your organization is interested in having one of our speakers assist you, please see the contact information below.

Bruce Benoit

Organizing and starting a coin club, Canadian numismatics, check collecting;

Fred Borgmann

Military medals (U.S. & German) casino tokens;

Tom Casper

U.S. Bonds, WWII rationing, love tokens, Milwaukee tokens;

Joel Edler

General topics, 55+ years in the hobby;

Clifford Mishler

General topics, how the hobby has changed over the past 55 years;

Leon Saryan

Ancient coinage, Armenian numismatics, Introduction to coin collecting;

Thad Streeter

Benefits of an organized club, how to make your club stronger, getting involved in your community.

N.O.W. members – if you are interested in performing in this capacity on behalf of

N.O.W., please contact Bruce either by phone, mail or e-mail. Only after your confirmation has been made, your name and a way to contact you would then be published in NOW News along with the area(s) of numismatic topics you are comfortable presenting.

This is a great opportunity to give back to the community and help-out some of our member clubs with their numismatic programming, as well as promoting N.O.W. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Bruce Benoit, Governor

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NOW Items for Sale

Several Madison Coin Club/NOW Items are available to collectors at the prices listed below.

2007	Wooden	5¢	25¢
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1972	Bronze medal		\$1
1969	Bronze medal		\$1
1969	Silver oxide medal		\$2
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1964	Silver oxide medal		\$2

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1972 medal – Frank Lloyd Wright Unitarian Meeting House

1969 medal – State Seal

1964 medal – Capitol building with state outline

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Don't Miss This One...

**It'll Be
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of a Lifetime!**

by Cliff Mishler

Visitors Will Have Lots to See and Do

This summer's ANA World's Fair of Money will offer attendees much more than the bourse, exhibits and meetings. Downtown Milwaukee has a wealth of dining and entertainment opportunities, plus the host committee has scheduled a diverse range of tours and special events for visitors.

Included is a tour to a place recognized on the National Registry of Historic Places -- the Forest Home Cemetery. Visitors can learn about historic figures of Milwaukee, from founder Byron Kilbourn, through beer barons Jacob Best, Joseph Schlitz, Valentin Blatz and Frederick Pabst, to industrialists Edward Allis and Arthur Smith, and aviator Gen. "Billy" Mitchell. Included will be a visit to Miller Park, home of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Old World Wisconsin is an outdoor living history museum operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society. Interpreters recreate life of frontier settlers from the 1840s into the early 1900s.

Lodging

The Hilton Milwaukee City Center is the designated host hotel. Rooms at the Hilton & Holiday Inn are sold out. Rooms at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee are rapidly dwindling. Contact the ANA Housing Bureau for availability information (330-963-0319). Reservation deadline is July 10, 2007. There are other hotels within walking distance of the convention. Call the Milwaukee hotel hotline 800-554-1448. Stratz Tower has additional

housing available. Contact Marquette University Conference Services 414-288-7208.

Exhibits & Seminars

The Milwaukee Public Museum placed in one of its exhibit floor coin rolling souvenir machines a special die created to promote its tie with the ANA convention. The design engraved into elongated cent die depicts a nicely rendered representation of the beautiful and rare 1870 Indian Princess silver dollar obverse design created by James Longacre, one of the coins in the Museum's collection that will be presented in a special numismatic exhibit.

This special numismatic exhibit at the Museum has been made possible by financial support provided by the convention host clubs and other area organizations.

Educational Seminar & Workshops -- the ANA School of Numismatics has scheduled a variety of classroom programs coincident with the ANA convention. The technical seminars will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 6-7, with advance registration and the payment of the required fee.

There will also be a "Coins in the Classroom" professional development seminar, a 16-hour course on Wednesday and Thursday, requiring advanced registration and a fee. Workshops are scheduled during the convention, free of charge, but with advance registration required.

Bourse Filling Up

As of June 1st, less than a dozen of the 450+ tables on the 1,000 dealer bourse remain open.

Heritage Auction

Heritage Auction Galleries has announced a quintet of anchor consignments for its 4,000 lot sale. The consignment deadline is June 29th. For auction info phone 800-872-6467.

Collector Exhibits Competition

Collectors desiring to exhibit at the World's Fair of Money convention are required to formally apply for space no later than July 2, 2007. The open/adult competition has 26 classes open to ANA members. There are also 7 classes for young numismatists. Exhibit rules and applications are available from ANA by calling 719-482-9826 or www.money.org.

Special Liberty Dollar for Milwaukee

The Liberty Dollar, now in its 10th year, will participate at an ANA convention for the first time this year. A free marketplace "private voluntary barter currency" unit established in 1998 by Bernard von NotHaus, as monetary architect of the National Organization for the Repeal of the Federal Reserve Act (NORFED), it is available in silver \$5 (Quarter Liberty), \$10 (Half Liberty) and \$20 units (\$20 = One ounce .999 fine silver), a \$1,000 gold (1 ounce) unit, and a recently added \$1 unit of pure copper. A special limited edition of 1,000 \$20 Liberty Dollar units will be offered at face value, with convention attendees having the opportunity to have their examples counterstamped with a pair of special hallmarks.

As you've probably read, the Liberty Dollar is presented as "a legal gold and silver alternative (to the) fiat funny money" of the U.S. government, available to those who wish to spend and honor the monetary units. Liberty Silver Certificates are also available in \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 units that are fully redeemable in one ounce silver Liberty's in \$20 incremental units. A 2-1/2 inch deep relief \$100 Silver Liberty containing 5 ounces of pure silver, featuring micro engraving for the very first time as a specie security device, is also available.

Reception & Dinner With Chairmen

A pair of special events are scheduled for Friday evening. A "Thank You Reception" is

open to Convention Patron donors contributing at the Silver, Gold or Platinum levels, open to individual contributors of \$100 or more, or to two guests of contributing clubs or organizations. This will be followed by a special "Dinner with the Chairmen" event, hosted by general chairman, Clifford Mishler and honorary chairman, Chester Krause. Hosted at Mader's, one of Milwaukee's most renowned German restaurants, this is a \$200 donation fundraising event, the proceeds designated to benefit the Young Numismatist ANA Summer Seminar scholarship fund.

Host and Supporting Clubs

This convention is being hosted by the Numismatists of Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, and the South Shore Coin Club. Also participating in support of the host clubs are other organized clubs of southeastern Wisconsin; the Waukesha Coin Club, the Ozaukee Coin Club, the Midwest Chapter of the International Bank Note Society, the Racine Numismatic Society and the Kenosha Coin Club. The co-chairmen of the convention committees are drawn from these organizations and the Lake County Coin Club of northeastern Illinois.

Mitchell Field Attractions

The Milwaukee airport General Mitchell International Airport has a couple of attractions worth mentioning -- the terminal hosts a museum and a used book store, both located in the upper lobby serving the concourses. The Mitchell Gallery of Flight, named after General "Billy Mitchell" recalls the unique contributions made to aviation by individuals and companies from Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin. The Renaissance Books shop offers a wide range of used books.

Volunteers Still Needed

Volunteers are still needed in the areas of registration, hospitality/greeting and set up and take down after the show. If you can help, contact Bruce Benoit 414-282-8128.

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Coin Club Celebrated National Coin Week with 1000th Meeting

By Thad Streeter #1230

The Wisconsin Valley Coin Club kicked off National Coin Week by holding its 1000th meeting on April 3rd at Sam's Pizza in Schofield, Wisconsin. Although holding a coin club meeting at a pizza place may seem odd, it didn't to the members of our club. The meeting, which started at the special time of 6:00 p.m. rather than the regular time of 7:30, marked the 1000th meeting of the club since its founding 51 years ago in Wausau, Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Valley Coin Club (WVCC) was founded in 1955 to serve as an educational and social meeting place for coin collectors, also known as numismatists, in the central Wisconsin area. The club, which is based in Wausau, has served collectors of the Wisconsin River Valley from Merrill to Wisconsin Rapids and points beyond by the holding regular meetings twice a month and has over the years hosted coin shows inviting coin dealers and collectors from across the state to the Wausau area 43 times.

The WVCC marked the 1000th meeting with a pizza party and issued a United States silver eagle in a special commemorative holder to mark the event. The commemorative coin is available to all current members of the club at a subsidized cost.

The club was pleased that this meeting fell during National Coin Week. The first

week of April has been traditionally set aside to promote the hobby of Numismatics. It's fitting that these two events coincided.

The WVCC currently has about 30 members and meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Liberty Bell Coin Investments. The meetings begin at 7:30 and run approximately one hour.

Our 44th annual coin show was held at Howard Johnsons Inn and Conference Center on April 22nd. The WVCC is also a member club of Numismatists of Wisconsin and the American Numismatic Association.

For more information on the club, please contact President, Thad Streeter at 715-355-5437 or HYPERLINK "<mailto:tls0726@hotmail.com>" tls0726@hotmail.com.

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Many, many thanks to all of the members of the Madison Coin Club for hosting the 2007 NOW convention on March 4th.

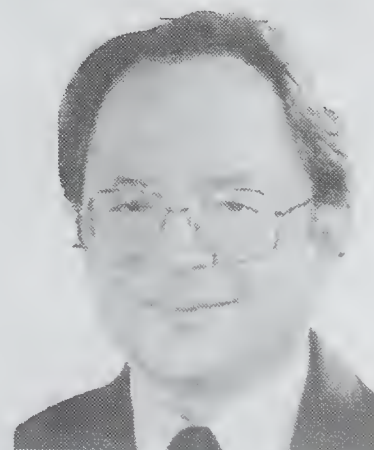
The NOW Officers and Board of Governors appreciate your efforts -- the event was very successful and well attended.

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Fred Borgmann retired June 1st after more than 30 years at Krause Publications.

Fred is a NOW Governor and is a member of the NOW Speakers Bureau.



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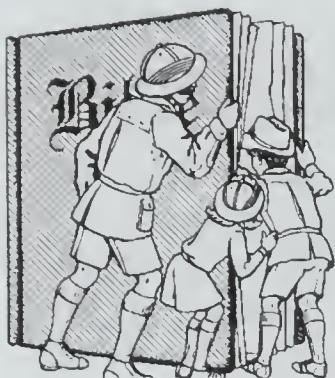
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Now Whitman, in association with John Albanese, will send you a complimentary copy of this book, postpaid, for your club library to be shared with members. This is a limited-time offer of one free copy per ANA-affiliated club.

To receive a complimentary copy for your club, send a note by mail to Mary Counts, President, Whitman Publishing, LLC, 3101 Clairmont Rd., Suite C, Atlanta, GA 30329 or send a request via e-mail to dawn.burbank@whitmanbooks.com. Be sure to include your club name and mailing address. This offer expires July 1, 2007.

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Adventure Across the States: Collecting State Quarters and Other Coins

Capitalizing on the popularity of the U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarters Program and the national pastime of collecting each issue, this edition provides a short, interesting lesson on the 50 states geared to appeal to children ages 5 to 12.

Quarters are pictured only up to the 2005 issues, but full information on each state, along with the scheduled year of issue, is included. The book also uses the quarters as a jumping-off point to offer additional specifics on coin collecting as a hobby. ANA members can purchase the 92-page book through the ANA MoneyMarket for \$4 plus postage and handling. (www.money.org).

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Westward Series Nickels

This beautiful bi-fold folder makes the perfect tool for organizing the Lewis & Clark and the Westward Journey Series. It holds the obverse and reverse of all 2004 through 2006 coins from both the Philadelphia and Denver Mints.

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Wisconsin Coin Collectors Support LRB 1585

If passed, LRB 1585 will level the playing field for Wisconsin collectors relating to sales and use tax exemption for coins, currency, bullion and commemorative medallions and the sales and use tax imposed on stamps.

Wisconsin Sales Tax Exemption Overview

by Clifford Mishler

An initiative is underway to exempt coins, currency, bullion and commemorative medallions from sales and use tax for Wisconsin residents. The effort was initiated by Joe Kaminski, working with Assemblywoman Sheryl Albers of Wisconsin Dells.

The legislation has been drafted and circulated to her colleagues by Assemblywoman Albers, requesting co-sponsorship commitments by April 20th.

The passing of that deadline does not preclude Assembly persons or Senators from joining in co-sponsorship of this legislative initiative.

Collectors are urged to personally contact by phone or letter, following up with the alternative, presenting your opinion on the merits of this legislative proposal to your Assembly person and Senator. Dealers need to advise their customers to do likewise, as the more constituents legislators hear from the better.

The contact on this legislative initiative in the office of Assemblywoman Albers is Terri S. Griffiths (608-266-8331, 877-947-0050).

At the hobby community level, an ad hoc umbrella organization has been established – Wisconsin Coin Collecting Alliance (WCCA) – to coordinate this initiative on a state-wide basis within the coin/hobby business community. Serving as president of the group is Joe Kaminski, while Clifford Mishler is serving in the capacity of secretary/treasurer.

Contact information for these individuals is:

Joe Kaminski, 731 Race Street,
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Phone 608-254-7908; Cell 608-547-1583.
E-mail kaminskicoincompany@msn.com.

Clifford Mishler, 105 North Main St., PO Box 316, Iola, WI 54945. Phone 715-445-5050; FAX 715-445-3030; E-mail mish@athenet.net

The WCCA has engaged a registered lobbyist to assist in this effort.

Robert T. Welch (State Senate 1995-2004; Assemblyman 1984-1992)
Phone 920-566-4655; FAX 920-566-0424;
e-mail bob@thewelchgroup.com.

In the event you are unaware of who your Assembly person or Senator is, or how to contact them, please contact Mr. Welch.

The initial funding for the WCCA lobbying effort has been arranged for by Chester Krause and Clifford Mishler in the amount of \$10,000 as a challenge contribution to be matched by other contributors. All contributions should be made payable to WCCA and directed to Clifford Mishler for deposit in the organization's account.

It's estimated that a total expenditure in the range of \$20,000 to \$25,000 will be required if we are to be successful in achieving our objective during the present legislative session.

Additional funding will be required if we fall short and have to pick up the issue during the subsequent legislative session.

Technical assistance in the pursuit of this legislative initiative is being provided by Dianne Piret, Industry Affairs Director of the Industry Council for Tangible Assets (ICTA).

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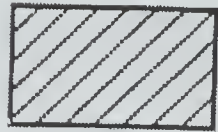
U.S. Mint Limits Exportation and Melting of Coins

In April the United States Mint announced a final rule to limit the exportation, melting or treatment of 1¢ and 5¢ U.S. coins, to safeguard against a potential shortage of these coins in circulation.

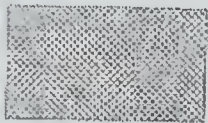
The rising commodity prices of copper, nickel and zinc have increased the value of the metal in both pennies and nickels so that the content of these coins now exceeds their face value.

The new regulation authorizes a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both, against a person who knowingly violates the regulation

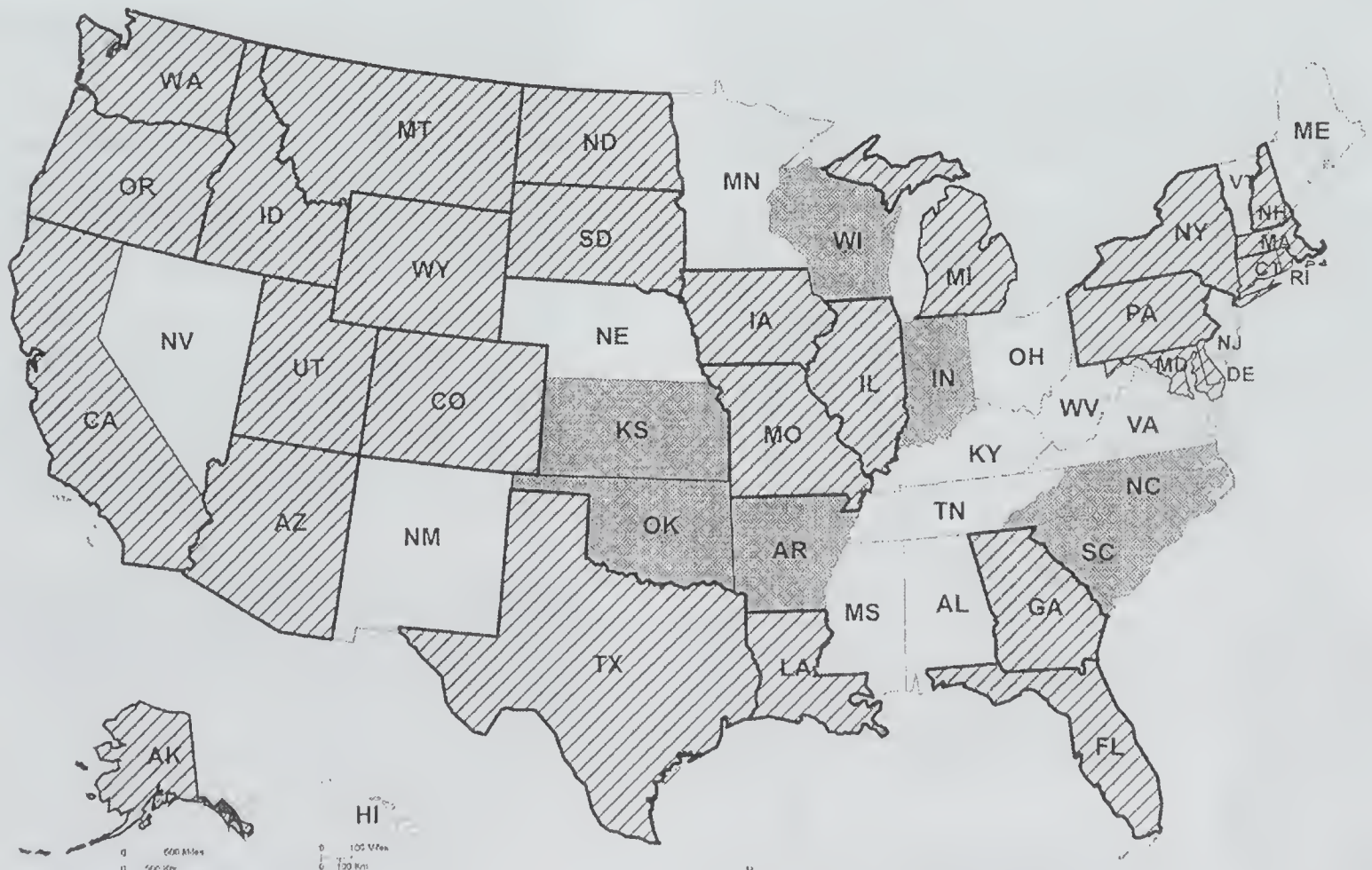
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28 States have no state sales/use tax at all or have some form of state sales/use tax exemption for collector coins, bullion coins, and/or other forms of bullion.



7 states have tax exemption efforts underway.



Vote for ANA Governors

Chester Krause and Clifford Mishler are both running for the ANA Board of Governors. If you are an ANA member, they would appreciate your consideration in casting a vote for them.

Chester Krause

Chet is well known by coin collectors and dealers throughout Wisconsin and the United States. His interest in coins began in 1952 when he produced a 1-page introductory issue of "Numismatic News" on the dining room table of his parent's home. This modest start eventually developed into Krause Publications, a multi-million dollar publishing firm, which put Iola, Wisconsin on the map.

His interest in coins has awarded him the opportunity of traveling for our numismatic hobby and the awards he has won are extensive.

He has been active in Iola's community events and founded the Iola Old Car Show, which has become the largest car show in the midwest.

He has a large collection of Wisconsin paper money, including territorial scrip, nationals large and small, canal bonds and scrip and advertising currency, all of which will create a 150-case exhibit at the ANA convention in Milwaukee.

Clifford Mishler

Cliff is also well-known in Wisconsin and the numismatic world. Presently, he is General Chairman of the ANA convention to be held in Milwaukee in August.

Cliff feels that membership input contributions to the ongoing development of the ANA as the hobby community's central organization have been seriously and effectively removed from their hands and knowledge.

He states that several vital issues must be addressed to affect the revitalization of membership pride and ownership in the ANA organization.

1. All board deliberations and votes must be conducted on an open forum basis.
2. The requirement for board members, staff & volunteers to be signatories of "confidentiality" or similar binding agreements that inhibit discussion must be terminated.
3. Annual budgets must be balanced based on operating income and investment income without pulling from Endowment or otherwise invested principal.
4. Full transparency of fiscal performance must be observed; operational profit and loss statements with comparison to budget and prior year, accompanied by explanations of deviations up or down, must be released on a regular and timely basis.
5. As staff stability is vital to operational efficiency and quality of performance, the recent revolving door personnel pattern at ANA headquarters must be arrested.

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Canada's \$1 Million Coin Wasn't Made For a Pocket

The Royal Canadian Mint's 100 kilogram pure gold coin with a \$1 million face value, puts normal coins to shame!

Canada recently minted the world's biggest pure gold coin at 220 pounds. Already three buyers have shelled out for one of the \$1 million Canadian coins introduced last month.

The Royal Canadian Mint made the coins (20 inches in diameter and 1 inch thick) mostly to seize the bragging right from Austria, which had the record with a 70-pound, 15-inch wide coin.

They're not doing this because there is a huge demand for 100-kilo gold coins -- with this coin they'll kick the Austrians out of the Guinness World Book of Records.

Listed as 99.99% pure gold bullion, the coin features Queen Elizabeth II on one side and Canada's symbol (the maple leaf) on the other.

It takes about 6 weeks to make and has a face value of \$1 million Canadian dollars (\$903,628), though it sells for approximately \$2.7 million, depending on the market value of gold.

Bret Evans, editor of Canadian Coin News, said "they're not doing this because there's a huge demand for 100-kilo gold coins. Bullion dealers use it as a promotional tool to draw people's attention -- and while they're looking at it, they are being exposed to the idea of buying one ounce or half-ounce gold coins."

[ref. Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel
article submitted by Gene Johnson]

A Godless Dollar Coin

An unknown number of new George Washington dollar coins were mistakenly struck without their edge inscription "In God We Trust" and are fetching around \$50 each online. It's unfortunate that the lack of God makes something more valuable.

[Comment from Bill Wieneke's State Journal article]

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"In God We Trust"

"In God We Trust" owes its presence on United States coins and notes largely to the increased religious sentiment existing during the Civil War. Salmon P. Chase, then Secretary of the Treasury, received a number of appeals from devout persons throughout the country, urging that the Deity be recognized suitably on our coins in a manner similar to that commonly found on the coins of other nations. Accordingly, on November 20, 1861, Secretary Chase instructed the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia to prepare a motto "expressing this nation recognition." The Secretary wrote "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense." The approved form of the motto first made its appearance on the two cent coin, authorized by Act of Congress dated April 22, 1864.

A law passed by the 84th Congress and approved by the President on July 11, 1955, provides that "In God We Trust" shall appear on all United States paper currency and coins. One-dollar bills bearing the inscription, were first available to the public at most of the country's banks on October 1, 1957. As the Bureau of Engraving and Printing converted to the dry intaglio process of printing, the motto "In God We Trust" was included in the back design of all classes and denominations of paper currency.

By joint resolution of the 84th Congress, approved by the President on July 30, 1956, "In God We Trust" was declared to be the national motto of the United States.

[ref. Currency Club of Chester County]

United Kingdom Abolition of the Slave Trade Coins in Gold and Silver

[British Royal Mint]

The United Kingdom issued a 2-pound coin commemorating the bicentenary of Abolition of the Slave Trade.

The significance of the Act of Parliament which was enacted in Britain in March of 1807 was to have ramifications around the world, but certainly nowhere more critical than in America. While Britain did not initiate the transatlantic slave trade throughout the 18th century, it came to dominate it. Sugar production in the Caribbean and the Americas created a highly lucrative market for the transatlantic supply of slaves from Africa; so much so that it seemed inconceivable that it could ever be possible to bring it to an end.

Olaudah Equiano, a former slave who earned enough to buy his own freedom, was a literate African and he campaigned tirelessly and effectively to influence the course of public opinion in Britain against slavery. Activists like Thomas Clarkson, Granville Sharp and William Wilberforce were successful in bringing an end to transatlantic trafficking within the British Empire.

In his powerful reverse design, designer David Gentleman incorporates a broken link of chain which cleverly incorporates the zero in the date 1807.

The edge around the coin asks "Am I Not a Man and a Brother."

Inquiries should be addressed to the British Royal Mint 800-221-1215.



Sunken Treasure

Deep sea explorers recently hauled up sunken treasure, which may be the richest sunken treasure ever discovered. Hundreds of thousands of colonial-era silver and gold coins worth an estimated \$500 million from a shipwreck in the Atlantic Ocean.

The 500,000 coins (mostly silver pieces) could fetch several hundred to several thousand dollars each, with some commanding much more. Value is determined by rarity, condition and the story behind them.

Rare coin expert, Nick Breuyer examined the coins from the wreck and said "I don't know of anything equal or comparable to it." Court records indicate the coins might have come from the wreck of a 17th century merchant ship found off southwestern England. Because the wreck was found in an area where many colonial-era vessels went down, the company is still uncertain about its nationality, size and age.

Odyssey Marine Exploration Company's CEO, John Morris, said Odyssey stock shot up 80.9% shortly after the discovery. In 2003 the company salvaged over 50,000 coins and other artifacts from the wreck of the SS Republic off Savannah, Georgia.

In January, Odyssey won permission from the Spanish government to resume a suspended search for the wreck of the HMS Sussex, which was leading a British fleet into the Mediterranean Sea for a war against France in 1694 when it sank in a storm off Gibraltar. Historians believe the 157 foot warship was carrying 9 tons of gold coins to buy the loyalty of the Duke of Savoy, a potential ally in the southeastern France. These coins could also fetch more than \$500 million.

[ref. Wisconsin State Journal article]



Washington Quarter

A king salmon, Mt. Rainier and the state's motto "The Evergreen State" make up Washington's quarter design.

The second commemorative quarter-dollar coin released in 2007 honors Washington, and is the 42nd coin in the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters Program.

Washington, nicknamed the "Evergreen State," was admitted into the Union on November 11, 1889, becoming our Nation's 42nd state. The reverse of Washington's quarter features a king salmon breaching the water in front of majestic Mount Rainier. The coin bears the inscriptions "The Evergreen State", "Washington" and "1889."

Mount Rainier is inside a large national park and during the summer, its meadows grow an amazing rainbow of wildflowers. Mount Rainier is easy to see from most of the state because it's over 14,000 feet and near the center of the state. Every year thousands climb the mountain (the highest in the Cascade Range), but only half make it to the top.

Mount Rainier is an active volcano encased in more than 35 square miles of snow and glacial ice. It is the symbolic bridge between the eastern and western parts of the state.

What's at the top? A cone of hardened lava with two overlapping craters. The shallow floors of these craters are covered with snow and ice. A hot mist has melted a maze of caves into the base of the ice. Mount Rainier hasn't erupted in more than 120 years, but that's just a moment in volcano time.

The salmon is another important symbol of Washington. It is a traditional image of Pacific Northwest culture, and this fish has provided nourishment for the native peoples of the Pacific Northwest. Newsmen and real estate pioneer C.T. Conover nicknamed Washington the "Evergreen State" because of its many lush evergreen forests.

In April, 2005, Governor Chris Gregoire established the Washington State Quarter Advisory Commission to help guide the quarter selection process. The Commission requested that the residents submit design narratives representing various Washington themes. The Commission received more than 1,500 suggestions and chose five narratives to pass on to the United States Mint. U.S. Mint sculptor-engravers and artists in the United Mint's Artistic Infusion Program created the corresponding design images. The residents of Washington participated in a statewide vote in April, 2006 in which more than 130,000 votes were cast. On May 4, 2006, Governor Gregoire announced Washington's recommendation at Centennial Elementary School in Olympia, Washington. Governor Gregoire's recommendation, a king salmon breaching the water in front of Mount Rainier, received the majority of votes cast in the statewide poll.

The Department of the Treasury approved the design on June 22, 2006. The two other designs considered during the statewide vote were a design depicting a salmon, Mount Rainier and an apple within an outline of Washington State, and a Northwest Native American-stylized orca.

All the new quarters show the traditional portrait of George Washington on the obverse, with some minor changes. The bust is smaller and the legends have been moved.

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President's \$1 Coin

Thomas Jefferson 3rd President 1801-1809

Sometimes referred to as the "silent member" of the Continental Congress, Thomas Jefferson spoke volumes with his pen. He drafted the Declaration of Independence at the age of 33, and later succeeded Benjamin Franklin as America's foreign minister to France.

During his first term as President, Jefferson virtually doubled the size of the United States when his Administration successfully completed the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and commissioned the Lewis & Clark Expedition to explore the new territory. The United States Mint's recent Westward Journey Nickel Series marked the bicentennial of these important events.

At the end of his Presidency, Jefferson retired to Monticello, where he worked to establish the University of Virginia in nearby Charlottesville. In March 1825, the school opened to serve its first 123 students.

Coinage Legislation Under President Thomas Jefferson

Act of March 3, 1803 – This Act directs the location of the U.S. Mint to remain in Philadelphia for 5 years.

Act of April 10, 1806 – This Act authorizes certain gold and silver coinage from foreign countries as legal tender for the payment of all debts within the United States;

Act of April 21, 1806 – This Act establishes the penalty for counterfeiting both foreign and domestic coins to be between 3 and 10 years hard labor.

Act of April 1, 1808 – This Act continues to fix the location of the United States Mint in Philadelphia for 5 more years.

1806 – President Jefferson appointed U.S. Mint Director Robert Patterson, 4th Director of the U.S. Mint.

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Jefferson and the Big "3"

He was our 3rd President. The 3rd member of the cabinet, and served 3 years as 3rd Ambassador to France.

Jefferson was the 3rd child to his parents and the 3rd Thomas in his family.

He attended 3 schools, wrote the Declaration of Independence at the age of 33, created the 3 greatest ideals in history – "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" and had a dislike for 3 things -- Royalty, Nobility and Fanaticism".

[Source: Mort Reed's Odd & Curious]

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**Thomas
Jefferson's
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Gold Coin
President
1801-1809**

The Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005 contains a provision to provide continuity of the First Spouse Gold Coin Program during those times in which a President served without a First Spouse. This provision applies to Thomas Jefferson, whose wife Martha died in 1782. Married in 1772, Thomas Jefferson was a widower for 19 years when he was elected to the Presidency in 1801.

The gold coins issued to accompany any President who served without a spouse will each feature a design emblematic of Liberty on its obverse, as depicted on a United States coin originally issued during the President's time in office. For Thomas Jefferson's presidency, the selected image appeared on the Draped Bust Half-Cent coin from 1800-1808, and was originally executed by United States Mint Chief Engraver Robert Scot.

Reverse Design

Thomas Jefferson is widely recognized for his unmatched expertise with the written word. Even in death Jefferson left no room for interpretation, leaving careful and precise instructions detailing exactly which of his achievements would be on his final resting place.



Located on the grounds of his Monticello estate, his monument mentions the following: author of the Declaration of American Independence, and of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom and father of the University of Virginia.

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**The
U.S.
Mint**

The U.S. Mint was erected in 1792 in Philadelphia and it was the first building owned by the United States Government.

The first coin metal purchased was 6 pounds of copper. The first coin minted was the silver half-dime.

The United States Mint Police (also established in 1792) is one of the oldest, best-trained federal law enforcement agencies in the country.

The phrase "as safe as the gold in Fort Knox" is no empty adage to the men and women of the Mint Police. Around the clock, they guard \$100 billion in gold, silver and coinage and protect the lives of 2,800 mint employees and thousands of visitors at the six mint facilities.

By contrast, the first Mint in Philadelphia was guarded by a lone watchman and a dog.

The Yuma Run

By Gene Johnson L#105

Do you want a great story combination?
How about motorcycle “bikers” and a territorial Jailhouse?

In the prison token holdings of the late vectorist pioneer, Agnar Wahlberg, was a token that has these rudiments:

The “bikers” were the Norwalk Centaurs of Norwalk, California, and the Jailhouse, the old territorial prison at Yuma, Arizona, just across the California state line boundary with Mexico.

The Yuma, Arizona area is famous for its sand dunes that attract dune buggies and other off-road vehicles from hundreds of miles around. Campers towing off-road machines dot the dune area year round, and “Meets” of groups of common interest “off roaders” are commonplace. Here their machines are welcomed, and the environment unthreatened since the desert winds reshape the dunes continually.

Nearby is a state park site with the remains of the Yuma Arizona Territorial Prison (a story in itself).

Founded in 1875, Yuma Prison grew from a 25-prisoner compound to a capacity of several hundred. Interesting is the fact that the prisoners themselves built much of the prison’s expansion.



Stone cells prior to restoration of the Yuma Prison 17

Pit-like underground cells provided “solitary confinement” for the unruly, and tales of snakes and scorpions deliberately dropped into these cells through the floor grates are still recounted by park ranger tour guides.



1894 view taken from a rare original photo.

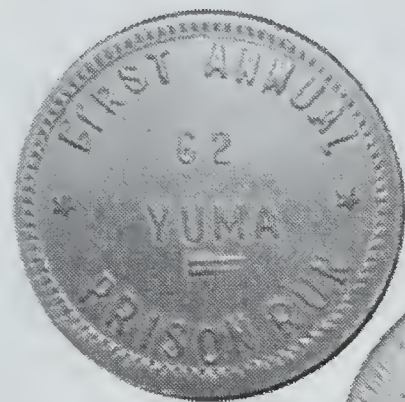
We visited Yuma Prison in 1997 and found the old 1875-1909 prison to be a great tourist stop.

Like most 17th century historic sites, it has been substantially rebuilt, not to the extent of the remains of the “missions” of California, but has lost some important aspects to time.

Back in 1875 cell blocks were cut out of a rock face wall and sealed with heavy strap metal doors. The prison was a “benchmark” in western history and lore. It is set high upon a stone outcropping at the junction of the Colorado and Gila Rivers.

The once powerful rivers are now creeks. Their flows long ago pumped away to thirsty southern California. The swale of the old river beds, now grown over with trees and brush, serves as an “underground railway” for illegal Mexican aliens. On our visit to the prison, we watched a helicopter and police dog “sweep” of the swale, resulting in the apprehension of several aliens.

The token places the “Norwalk Bikers” at Yuma on Easter week, 1962, when over 1500 motorcyclists from California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico had a “Run” (convention of sorts).



*1st Annual Prison Run
62
Yuma Arizona*



Norwalk M.C. Centaurs

*Scarce (Rarity 8)
Yuma Prison token
for a
“1st Annual Prison Run”*

This 26mm brass token describes the “First Annual Run”, but no other “Prison Run” dated pieces have surfaced.

Debunking a pervasive media myth, the park rangers were impressed with the bikers, who they called, “Fine People”, with the exception of a few “Hell’s Angels” types who wanted to spoil the event.

In research letters, park rangers declared that other than the use of the name of the prison, there was no official connection, but that hundreds of bikers chose to visit and tour the prison park.

For the tourist with a historic bent, your visit to the old southwest by motorcycle or otherwise would be enhanced by a stop at the Yuma Arizona Dunes and Prison State Park.

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Shooting Rapids With a Boatload of Silver

[Wisconsin State Journal article]

In October 1845, Green Bay fur trader, John Lawe (1780-1846) went to Lake Poygan to attend the annual government payment to the Menominee Indians. The United States had purchased much of eastern Wisconsin from the tribe, and every fall paid them thousands of dollars. Traders such as Lawe advanced Indian hunters ammunition and other goods throughout the year and collected their debts at the annual payment.

In 48 hours that October, \$26,000 passed from the U.S. treasury to the Menominee, who immediately paid nearly all of it to their creditors.

Lawe departed Lake Poygan with a trunk containing \$9,000 in silver coins (worth more than \$1 million today). Voyageurs propelled his small boat fore and aft, while the 65-year-old merchant sat astride his treasure chest amid ship.

They sailed down the Wolf River past Oshkosh and into Lake Winnebago, and as darkness fell, they entered the Fox River at Neenah. From there the Fox plunges 160 feet down to Green Bay, and all night long they shot the rapids past Appleton, Little Chute and Kaukauna, where they plummeted 44 feet over the rocks. For nearly 100 miles Lawe steered his chest of silver down the wild river in the dark.

“It must have been a fearful ride” a friend commented 20 years later, “and for one of his years and fatigue – he had not slept for two days and nights – must have been one of great peril. I found him the next day at his house, calm as a summer cloud, not dreaming that he had done anything unusual or worthy of remark.”

[Source Wisconsin Historical Society]

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Steam Machines of Yester Year

by Ron Calkins #34L

Oliver Evans was a Delaware-born millwright and inventor. In 1800 he predicted "The time will come when people will travel in stages moved by steam engines from one city to another, almost as fast as birds can fly... 15 or 20 miles an hour. A carriage will start from Washington in the morning, the passengers will breakfast at Baltimore, dine at Philadelphia and sup in New York."

In today's world of jet travel, that statement seems almost humorous, but keep in mind that even 30 years after he said it, the few trains that existed in the United States were still pulled by teams of horses.

In 1875 Wisconsinites were also thinking about steam-driven carriages. A \$10,000 prize was offered to any inventor who could perform a journey of at least 200 miles on a common road in a vehicle propelled by its own internal power at the average rate of at least 5 miles per hour.

On July 16, 1878, after 2 years of experimenting, a pair of horseless carriages went head-to-head to win the prize. Steaming out of Green Bay on opposite banks of the Fox River were the Oshkosh (a streamlined buggy with a simple design) and the Green Bay (a bulky contraption with a maze of gears and tubes).

Along the way the Green Bay collapsed entirely and the Oshkosh reached the finish line alone at an average speed of 6 miles per hour. The Janesville Gazette proclaimed "that in no country in the world has there yet been discovered a steam machine which is capable of taking the place of horses."



Once the powerful steam engine was refined and perfected, the railroad train was in position to change the face of the United States forever. The east and west coasts were finally connected, allowing commerce to expand between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Both travel and business were affected in ways that had not previously been imagined.



This is a very rare Civil War era train ticket dated 1861 Erie to Waterford.

This Philadelphia train ticket has Sunbury & Erie Railroad imprinted on it. The ticket was good for one seat and has been punched and stamped by the conductor.

Prior to 1960, names like "Chief," "Zephyr" and "Limited" were synonymous with long-distance travel. They were the

names of passenger trains that sent travelers cross-country, not only serving sumptuous meals along the way, but also providing luxurious sleeper rooms for those making long journeys. Domed observation cars even allowed passengers to gaze at the stars as they sipped their cocktails.

George Pullman rode a rough overnight train from Buffalo to Westfield, NY and was inspired to create a more comfortable railroad car. He designed and built an elegant sleeping car and added accordion connectors between cars to help keep out wind and noise.

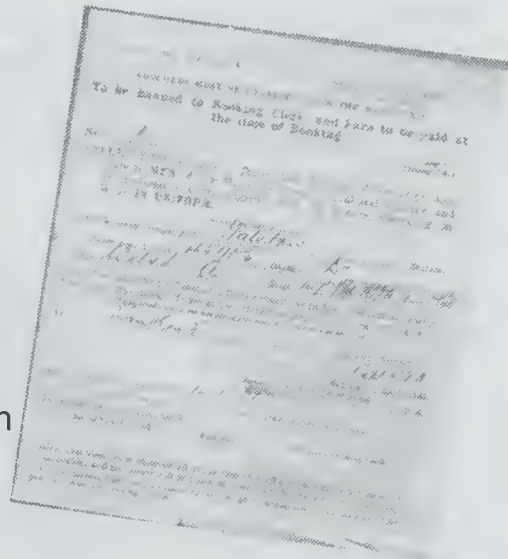
When President Lincoln died, it was a Pullman car that returned his body to Illinois, and that turned out to be a public relations coup for George Pullman. Suddenly, his company had to struggle to keep up with the increasing demand for his luxury rail cars.



Pullman Palace Car Stock Certificate issued 1884, signed by Union Civil War General and Medals of Honor winner Horace Porter, 2 large vignettes show St. Pancras Station in London and the Detroit Pullman Car Works, engraved by American Bank Note Company.

The little red caboose we once saw on trains had several functions. It served as an office where the conductor could sit and complete his paperwork. A flagman and brakeman also rode in the caboose. The caboose became refined over time to serve as a “home away from home” equipped with everything from cooking stoves to framed pictures to beds adorned with fancy linens.

This application is for a 3rd class railway ticket at reduced fare to men of His Majesty's Forces, Naval and Military and Ambulance Corps engaged with the forces traveling on leave in Uniform.



World War I Steam Train voucher dated 1918

As time went on, automation spelled the end of the caboose and computerized ticketing meant less paperwork for the conductor. Electronic switches and signaling equipment eliminated the need for having a flagman and brakeman on each train. Eventually the additional expense of maintaining a caboose outweighed the caboose's usefulness, and by the mid-1980s, they were all but extinct.

You've probably heard train whistles as part of your daily background noise, but did you know there are patterns to their audible signals? Two long whistle blasts mean the train is about to release its brakes and proceed forward. Two short whistle sounds are an acknowledgement (or a 10-4, if you will) of an instruction given to the engineer. A sequence of two long, one short and one additional long whistle blast indicates that the train is approaching a grade crossing; that is, a point where motor vehicles and/or pedestrians may cross the tracks.

A Sperry car is a specialized rail car that tests the tracks for invisible defects. In the late 19th century, train derailments due to transverse fissures in the tracks were on the increase. Dr. Elmer Sperry designed a car that was low and made of plywood, manned by an operator who stretched out on his stomach and held a “search unit” against the rails as the car moved along the tracks. As technology improved, the operator was eventually

replaced with ultrasonic detection equipment that performed the job faster and more accurately. Shown below are more recent medals that railroad buffs collect:

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From Many, One

[Magazine article submitted by John Foelmi]

Most Americans know that US coins are imprinted with the words "In God We Trust", but some may not be aware that there is another motto imprinted on coins. This second motto is in Latin and reads E Pluribus Unum, which means "From many, one" or "Out of many, one". This motto appeared on the first coin produced in the United States – the fugio penny, minted in Philadelphia in 1793.



U.S. Seal

E Pluribus Unum was proposed as a motto by Swiss immigrant, Pierre Eugene du Simitiere, who lived in Philadelphia during the Revolution War. Du Simitiere was known for designing coats of arms, and because of his graphic talent, he was invited to serve as a consultant to the Great Seal Committee of the Second Continental Congress.

Du Simitiere worked closely with Ben Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson to create a coat of arms bearing a motto that best defined the newly founded nation. He experimented using various phrases in the sketches he made of the coat of arms, but finally settled on E Pluribus Unum as the motto.

Continental Congress members liked what Di Simitiere developed and approved his design which became the Great Seal of the United States in 1782. Nine years later, the motto was affixed to the country's coins, as well.

The motto for the new nation initially was intended to refer to the integration of 13 independent colonies into one united country. Since it was first coined, the motto has taken on another meaning. Instead of referring to the integration of 13 colonies, the updated meaning of the motto is the integration of many immigrants into one nation.

As for the origin of the phrase e pluribus unum, it comes from the poem "Moretum", which is attributed to the Roman poet Virgil. The poem is about a cheese, garlic, and herb recipe and describes the blending of many colors of ingredients into one.

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Junkyard Wheaties?

By Gene Johnson L-105

Those of us who snickered when the melt-down of our venerable "wheatie" one-cent pieces was first mentioned, are now wide-eyed at the monster dimensions of nationwide metal theft.

In southern California where we spent the winter, Lawmaker Task Forces have been formed to address an epidemic of copper thievery... Copper, you say?

Numismatic history has been rampant with world-wide coin metal changes. The debasing of gold coin content goes back prior to Roman times, and then there is the intrinsic decline of the silver Roman Denarius (nicely measurable).

In non-bullion, with the advent of affordable aluminum around the year 1890, world-wide minor coins became a fact of life, but our proud nation clung fiercely to the copper alloy.

Long-time Wisconsin collectors recall the memorable change to clad U.S. coins and the subsequent removal of silver coinage that has occurred during our numismatic collecting.

That the copper cent would fall was a certainty. Low monetary value and both size and weight were fatal! Many world nations issued minor coins of a small size and weight long ago.

The effectiveness of the U.S. prohibition of copper coin melt down will live or die with the London metal exchange numbers.

In Riverside County, California, where we winter, live overhead phone and power lines are being pulled down by thieves for the copper wire. Area telephone companies are offering large rewards (\$10,000) for the identity of metal thieves. During 2006 loss in copper wire to one company alone, was over a quarter million dollars.

The junkyard has now taken on Wall Street proportions, and law enforcement and lawmakers have rushed to do license checks and sweep salvage yards for stolen copper contraband.

The subversive melt of our nation's copper cents will likely have an international flavor, with ingots being created in third world foundries.

Long-time collectors back in the 1950s were too busy filling spaces in our blue Whitman coin folders to think much about the price of copper.

Personally, the disappearance of the wheat cent in just a couple of years was amazing to me, as a long-time coin collector, it happened "right under my nose".

Editor's Note:

With copper prices escalating nationwide, We Energies has lost \$300,000 this year alone as thieves strip electrical substations and power poles of their copper ground wires throughout the area. Utility pole thefts can also affect telephone companies, which may disrupt 911 service.

In Milwaukee recently police arrested a guy who was taking the brass fireplugs off of buildings... and in Madison 50 bronze flower vases were stolen right off graves from the Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery. The vases sell for \$400 to \$500 and were probably sold for scrap metal for less than \$10 each.

Thieves react to whatever is the priciest metal at the moment said Marty Foreman, owner of Foreman Metal Co. in Milwaukee. A few years ago steel was popular. People were stealing guard rails, manhole covers and sewer grates. Much of the rise in thefts is blamed on scrap dealers who may unknowingly buy stolen metal.

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A German Anti-Nazi Resistance Pin

by Fred J Borgmann #1175

Recently I purchased a little box of WWII souvenirs which included some local event pins called “tinnies” by collectors. The most interesting of these is a copper plated steel 28 x 38 mm cross shaped pin with a detailed view of Aachen’s Cathedral in the center above the inscription “HEILIGTUMSFAHRT AACHEN 1937” which roughly translates “The 1937 trip to Aachen’s holy shrine.” How, you may ask, does this qualify as an anti-Nazi resistance pin?

Well first of all, part of the Nazi agenda for establishing the “New Order” in Germany was the replacement of Christianity which is based on the teachings of a Jewish fellow named Jesus, with their own nazified version of the old Nordic mythology. This is documented in numerous books about the Nazis in Germany. Secondly there are eyewitness accounts like those of my mother who was a Bavarian Catholic school girl during the Nazi years.

From the beginning the Nazis were a very youth oriented movement. There were gender based youth groups for every age designed to keep members busy with sports and fun activities day and night while continually instilling them with Nazi ideology. While the kids were not physically forced into joining these groups, the pressure was impossible to resist and by age 12 even my mother was in uniform. School was also part of the indoctrination process and to paraphrase my mother “the highest grades went to those who screamed ‘Heil Hitler’ the loudest.

The Nazi youth group activities, which were usually after school and on weekends, were always scheduled to conflict with local church and religious activities. Since my mother’s family was old school Bavarian



*German pin
with view of
Aachen's Cathedral*

Catholic there was never any doubt as to which events would be attended. The next day at school the first order of business would be for the teacher to call on anyone who did not attend the Nazi event to explain to the rest of the class why they had decided to let their classmates down!

On the national level, the Nazis were flush with success and riding high. By 1937 they had silenced their opposition by various means including a bloody purge which taught everyone with anti-Nazi thoughts to keep quiet or go underground. The rearming of Germany and extensive public works projects like the autobahns had virtually eliminated unemployment. National pride had been restored with the renunciation of the Peace Treaty ending WWI, the reoccupation of the Rhineland and the honor of hosting the 1936 Olympic Games. All this in the midst of endless colorful military parades and holiday spectacles.

In such an environment it must have taken a fair amount of courage or determination to wear this politically incorrect pin and declare one's allegiance to a religion that was not in compliance with the all powerful Nazi Party theology of that day.

Museum Treasures

By Tom Casper #982



Flying Eagle Cent

I know we're all excitedly waiting to see the Milwaukee Public Museum's Coin Exhibit, which will be ready for the Milwaukee ANA show. But until it's ready, I thought I would profile a few of the pieces which will be included in the display.

The 1856 Flying Eagle Cent is actually a pattern coin but one that most collectors include as an Indian Head cent in their collection. It was made to show Congress how the new cent would look. In 1856 the Large Cents were unpopular at the time and cost more than a cent to make, just like our cents now. The 1856 Flying Eagle Cents were struck without official authorization. Mint Director, James R. Snowden decided to make a small size cent of 88% copper and 12% nickel at a weight of 4.67 grams and 19mm in diameter. The Act of February 21, 1857 authorized the issuance of the new copper-nickel small cents.

James B. Longacre, using Christian Gobrecht's eagle design on the 1836-1839 silver dollars, designed the coin. The reverse wreath design was borrowed from the gold dollar and three-dollar coin. The mintage is estimated as 750 for circulation strikes and 1,500 proof cents. It is believed these proofs were restruck on original dies in 1859-1860 for collectors. All the pieces were struck at the Philadelphia Mint.

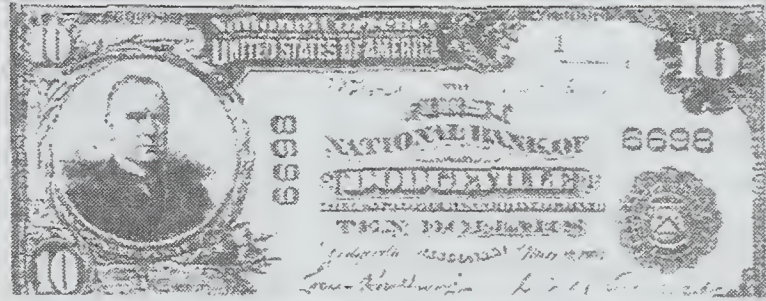
Walter Breen did research in the National Archives and found the following distribution of these cents: 264 to Congressmen; 200 to Representative S.D. Campbell; 102 to Secretary of the Treasury James Guthrie; 62 to Senators; 4 to President Franklin Pierce;

2 to the Mint Cabinet. Additional pieces were given to dignitaries and others. Several hundred may have been held in stock in the Mint for later distribution to collectors, or to trade them for Washington medals for the Mint Cabinet.

The 1857 Flying Eagle cents were authorized and very popular with the public. The last year for the Flying Eagle cent was 1858. No one knows why Snowden quickly changed from the Flying Eagle to the Indian Head design, but the difficulty of getting good strikes may have been a factor.

The finest Uncirculated example of an 1856 Flying Eagle cent, reported by PCGS is MS-66; the finest proof example graded by PCGS is PR-67. A Proof 65 example today would sell for \$29,000.

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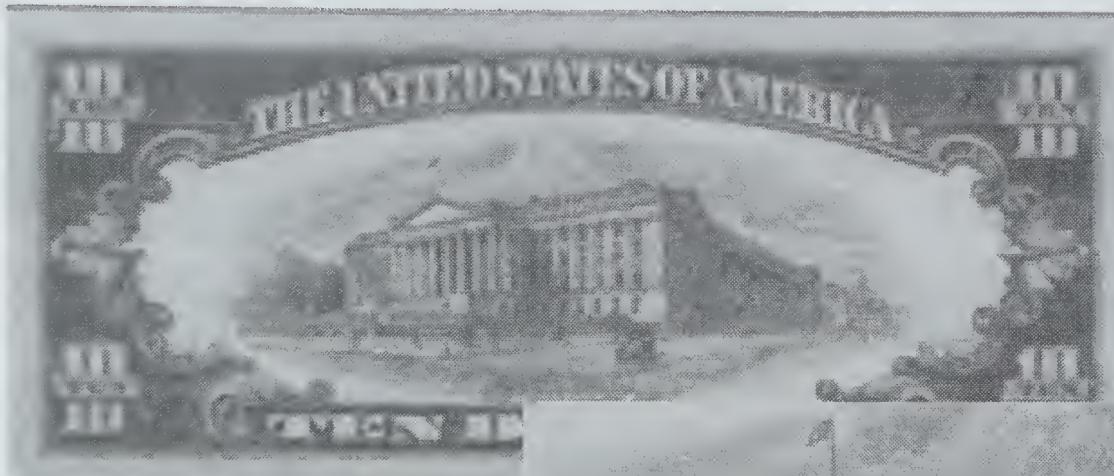
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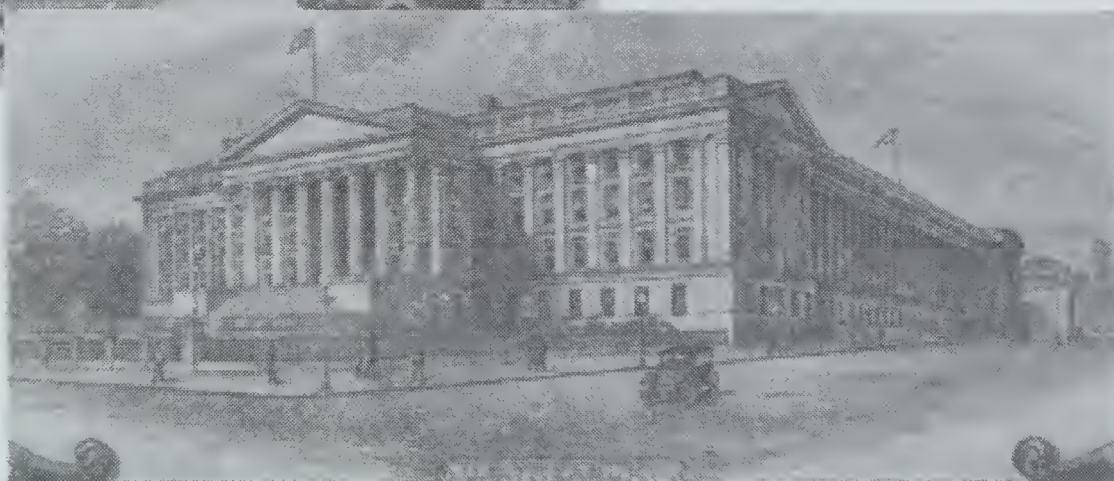
Autos on the Back of \$10 Notes

[U.S. Treasury Bureau of Engraving & Printing and Internet]

There are four different cars used for this vignette. The engraved die of the Treasury Building vignette was completed in the early part of December 1927. The engraver was Louis S. Schofield.



These cars are of no special make or model and each one is a creation of the designer who prepared the original model which was later used by Mr. Schofield when he made the original hand-engraved die of this vignette.



It would not be possible to have specific makes of automobiles engraved on the Treasury vignette for the \$10 bill, which would be a composite model, without making it appear that we were sponsoring the product of one or another automobile manufacturer. Legal requirements will not permit a government agency to indicate its endorsement of a commercial firm or product.

The four automobiles engraved into this design are similar in appearance to various models of cars being manufactured at that time. However, again, the cars in the design are of no specific make or model.

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Maybe Mark Antony Loved Cleopatra For Her Mind!

That's the conclusion drawn by academics at Britain's University of Newcastle from a Roman denarius coin which depicts the celebrated queen of Egypt as a sharp-nosed, thin-lipped woman with a protruding chin.

In short, a fair match for the hook-nosed, thick-necked Mark Antony on the other side of the coin, which went on public display earlier this year at the University's Shefton Museum.

"The image on the coin is far from being that of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton" said Lindsay Al-lason-Jones, Director of archeological museums at the university, recalling the 1963 film "Cleopatra."

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1780 Maria Theresa

The 1780 Maria Theresa Dollar has enjoyed a longer period of circulation than any coin in the history of numismatics.



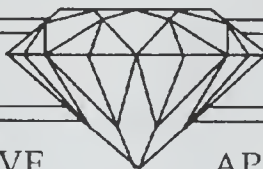
The "Thaler" was first minted in Austria in 1751 but discontinued as a domestic coin in 1854.

Over 2 million were minted from 1891 to 1896 for export only and in 1937 the Royal Mint (Great Britain) was authorized to mint this coin. Italy also minted the "Fat Lady".

Vienna mints and exports over a million Maria Theresa annually.

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A New Twist to Kidnapping

[This article was published in the South Shore Shekel Searcher – it could happen to anyone — it could save a life!]

This is very scary and could happen to any of us... Seems like every nice thing people do for one another can be perverted.

About a month ago a woman was standing by the mall entrance passing out flyers to all the women going in. The woman had written the flyer herself to tell about an experience she had, so that she might warn other women.

The previous day, this woman had finished shopping, went out to her car and discovered she had a flat tire. She got the jack out of the trunk and began to change the flat. A nice man dressed in a business suit and carrying a briefcase walked up to her and said "I noticed you're changing a flat tire. Would you like me to take care of it for you?"

The woman was grateful for his offer and accepted his help. They chatted amiably while the man changed the flat, and then put the flat tire and the jack in the trunk, shut it and dusted his hands off. The woman thanked him profusely, and as she was about to get in her car the man told her that he left his car around on the other side of the mall and asked if she would mind giving him a lift to his car. He explained that he had seen an old friend in the mall and they had a bite to eat, visited for awhile and he got turned around in the mall and left through the wrong exit and now he was running late.

The woman hated to tell him "no" because he had just rescued her from having to change the tire by herself, but she felt uneasy.

(Trust that gut feeling). Then she remembered seeing the man put his briefcase in her trunk before shutting it and before he asked her for a ride to his car.

She told him that she'd be happy to drive him around to his car, but she remembered one last thing she needed to buy (Smart Woman!!).

She told him she would only be a few minutes and he could sit down in her car and wait for her; she would be as quick as she could be. She hurried into the mall and told a security guard what had happened. The guard came out to her car with her, but the man had left.

They opened the trunk, took out his locked briefcase and took it down to the police station. The police opened it (ostensibly to look for ID so they could return it to the man). What they found was rope, duct tape, and knives. When the police checked her "flat tire" there was nothing wrong with it – the air had simply been let out. It was obvious what the man's intention was, and obvious that he had carefully thought it out in advance.

The woman was blessed to have escaped harm. (Amen... thank you God). How much worse it would have been if she had children with her and had them wait in the car while the man fixed the tire, or if she'd gone against her judgment and given him a lift.

I'd like you to forward this to all the women you know. It may save a life. A candle is not dimmed by lighting another candle. We were going to send this to the ladies only, but guys, if you love your mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, etc. you may want to pass it on to them as well.

We all need to be reminded that the world we live in has a lot of crazies in it.

**BE SAFE -- NOT SORRY
ALWAYS BE ALERT & USE YOUR HEAD!**



Antique Banks

If a coin is placed on top of the gun and the trigger on the base is pulled, the coin is shot into the log and the bear hiding inside pops up.

Cast-iron banks were first produced after the Civil War and often depicted animals, people and buildings. Mechanical banks had movable parts and often spring mechanisms to propel a coin into the bank's reservoir.

The first mechanical bank appeared in 1868. Thrift was highly valued in the 19th century and banks of all kinds instilled the virtue of saving in children.

This Teddy Roosevelt Bear bank was made around 1904 and was officially patented in 1907. The maker was J & E Stevens, a foundry located in Cromwell, Connecticut. John and Elisha Stevens began making typical hardware items and evolved into toy makers.

The bank shown above stems from the popular tale of when President "Teddy" Roosevelt was on a hunting expedition in Mississippi in 1902. He refused to shoot a bear cub. That event is also responsible for the creation of our beloved teddy bears.

Mechanical banks made from 1870 to 1908 are the most avidly collected. The cast-iron banks were painted when new. The paint and finish conditions, as well as the integrity of the bank's parts and mechanism, determine a bank's value today.

A serious bank collector would value this bank at \$2,500 - \$3,500 today. When new, it cost under \$3.00.

[source: Reminisce magazine]

Pennies Were Good as Gold in the '30s

While sitting in my ophthalmologist's office I noticed a penny on the carpet. I would have grabbed it at once, but knowing what incoming patients were there for, I was sure they would have stepped on my hand without even seeing it.

Waiting for an opportunity to retrieve the coin, I noticed several people stop and glance down, but no one picked it up. I asked the receptionist if the coin was glued down as a joke. She replied "No, that's been there all day and no one will pick it up -- after all, it's only a penny!"

As I placed the copper coin in my pocket, I reflected on her words. When I was a kid, in the middle to late 1930s, a penny was valued so highly that fights could erupt over the retrieval of a single one.

The list of purchases a penny could make was endless, and the favorite place to spend it was at a local candy store. Almost every school had a mom-and-pop store nearby that stocked a large assortment of candy, gum and ice cream. The candy stores were our first exposure to gambling, although we didn't realize it.

I started a coin collection in grade school, mostly with found money. My penny album was almost complete, except for one exclusive coin -- a 1909S VDB, which sold for about \$6 at the time, depending on condition. That was too expensive for me, so I never acquired it.

Now days a penny isn't worth much, but they retain a fondness for what power the coin used to have.

[Article written by Robert Peters;
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Popeye

by Phyllis Calkins

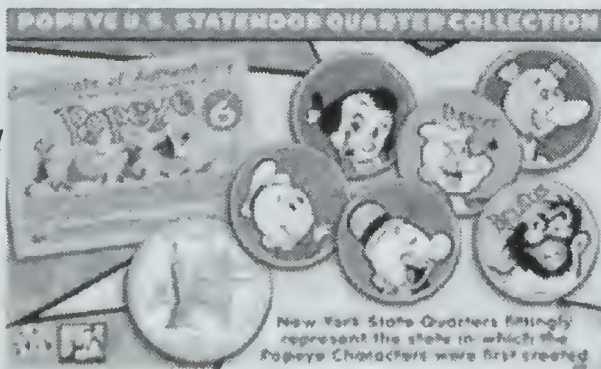
He's short and balding with Nixonian jowls, bloated forearms and an ever-present corn-cob pipe in his mouth -- For over 75 years, Popeye has been one of the world's most popular and widely recognized characters. One of his cartoons airs somewhere in the world nearly every minute of the day.

Popeye's creator, Elzie Segar, was born in Chester, Illinois and many of his comic strip characters walked the streets of this little town where Segar grew up.

The inspiration for Popeye was Frank Fiegel, a one-eyed, pipe-smoking tough-as-nails man with a penchant for fist fights. The scrawny Olive Oyl was tall, lanky Dora Paskel, who ran a general store and wore her hair in a bun. And theater owner, William Schuchert so loved hamburgers that he would send his employees out between performances to buy them.

Popeye made his debut in the funny pages over 75 years ago, walking onto Elzie Segar's "Thimble Theatre" comic strip on January 17th, 1929. In 1938, Popeye appeared in more than 500 newspapers.

*Popeye
U.S. Statehood
Quarter
Collection*



This is a set of the entire Popeye family of characters. Each of the 6 brilliant uncirculated New York statehood quarters were struck by the US Mint and then colorized by the Merrick Mint.

Popeye became one of the first licensing sensations, appearing on puzzles, dolls, games, books, banks, postage stamps, lamps and tin toys, many of which are now valued collectibles both in the U.S. and internationally. As one of the most readily recognized icons of the 20th century, Popeye has been sought after as an advertising spokes character for some of the world's best-known brands, including Pepsi, Duracell, Mazda, Toyota, Mastercard and Campbell's. He has his own Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits chain of 1,578 fast-food restaurants located worldwide.

In 1977, a 6-foot, 900 pound bronze statue of Popeye was dedicated in Segar Memorial Park in Chester. Vandals once lassoed the statue, chained it to a pickup truck and drove off. The sailor man was pulled off his stone pedestal and landed on his face. Damage was minor, proving the statue was as tough as the spinach-eating character.

The Chester Opera House now holds the Spinach Can Collectibles store and the Popeye Museum. Chester hosts a Popeye picnic every year to celebrate its famous residents.

This 1935 Popeye pocket watch uses his hands to tell the time. Wimpy and Popeye's other friends are also on the colorful dial. It has a sturdy New Haven Movement with non-breaking crystal and metal dial. The watch originally sold for 98¢



*A pure 1-ounce
silver medal of
Popeye*

[ref. Home Away magazine and WI State Journal]
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Coin Club

Antioch, IL Coin Club

Meets at 7:30 on the 3rd Monday of each month at Antioch Library, 757 Main St, Antioch, IL. Contact: James Koutsoures 847-395-0599.

Barron County Coin Club

Meets at 8:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the School Administration Bldg., 700 Augusta St., Rice Lake. Contact Barron County Coin Club, P.O. Box 256, Chetek, WI 54728.

Chippewa Valley Coin Club

Meets at 7:00 on the 1st Thursday of each month in basement of Parks Rec. Bldg., 1300 1st Ave. in Eau Claire. E-mail 54701.com/coinclub or PO Box 2140 Eau Claire, WI 54702.

Elgin IL Coin Club

Meets at 7:30 1st Wednesday at the VFW Post 1307, 1601 Weld Rd., Elgin, IL 60123. Contact Don Cerny, PO Box 561, S. Elgin, IL 60177. Ph. 847-888-1449.

Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club

Meets the 3rd Thursday (April-October); at the Siren Sr. Center, 23943 State Road 35, Siren, 7:00 traders; 8:00 business meeting. Contact Gary Schauls, 2702 150th St., Luck, WI 54853-3811. Ph. 715-472-2002.

Fond du Lac Coin Club

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday (May thru Sept.) at the Senior Center East 2nd Street in Fond du Lac. Contact Fond du Lac Coin Club, PO Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54903.

Fox Valley Coin Club

Meets at 7:30 the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at Prime Time Club, 11150 Valley Road, Menasha.

Kenosha Coin Club

Meets at 7:30 on the 1st Thursday of each month (except July & August) at 3030 39th Ave, Kenosha. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld 262-657-4653.

Kettle Moraine Coin & Stamp Club

Meets at 7:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Silverbrook Middle School, 120 N. Silverbrook Drive in West Bend. Youth meeting at 6:30. Contact: Dave Hunsicker 262-338-6064.

Lake County Coin Club

Meets at 7:00 the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Warren Township Library, O'Plaine Rd., Gurnee, IL. Contact: George Efsen, 847-244-5160.

Lakeland Coin & Stamp Club

Meets at 6:45 the first and third Thursday of each month at Lakeland Senior Center, Woodruff, WI.

Madison Coin Club

Meets at 7:00 on the 2nd Monday of each month at Zimbrick Buick, 1601 W. Beltline Hwy. at Fish Hatchery intersection. Contact Tom Galway. Phone 608-238-1722.

Manitowoc Coin Club

No regular monthly meetings. An annual coin show is held in February. Contact Al Hrudka 920-775-4979.

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Meets at 7:00 on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Mayfair Mall Community Room, 2500 N. Mayfair Road in Wauwatosa (use #2 entrance, east side of mall). Contact Bruce Benoit, PO Box 210064, Milwaukee, 53221. Phone: 414-282-8128.

Nicolet Coin Club

Meets at 7:30 on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at Stein Supper Club, 126 S. Adams in Green Bay.

Northwoods Stamp & Coin Club

Contact the club at P.O. Box 126, Rhinelander, WI 54501.

Ozaukee Coin Club

Meets the 2nd Thursday at the Rose Harms Legion Post, 1540 13th Ave. in Grafton. (Youth mtg. 6:30; General mtg. 7:00. Contact Ozaukee Coin Club, P.O. Box 832, Cedarburg, WI 53012.

Racine Numismatic Society

Meets at 7:30 on the 2nd Thursday at Castlewood Restaurant in Sturtevant (across street from Amtrack Depot). Contact George Conrad 262-634-0833. (no July or Aug. mtg).

Rockford Area Coin Club

Contact: Rockford Area Coin Club, c/o Darrell Schultz, P.O. Box 294, Cherry Valley, IL 61016.

Sheboygan Coin Club

Meets at 7:00 every other Tuesday at Maple Lanes, 3107 S. Business Dr., in Sheboygan. Contact Sheboygan Coin Club, PO Box 907, Sheboygan, WI 53081.

South Shore Coin Club

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at St. Roman's Parish Office, 1710 W. Bolivar Ave. in Milwaukee. Contact Walter Weis 414-384-7966.

Waukesha Coin Club

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Waukesha Salvation Army offices at 445 Madison St., Waukesha. Contact Forrest Schumacher, 2300 Avalon Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186. Ph: 262-542-5990

Wisconsin Valley Coin Club

Meets at 7:30 on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Liberty Bell Coin Investments, 130 N. 3rd Ave., Wausau. Contact Thad Streeter, 715-355-5437. (June, July, Aug. mtg 3rd Tue.)



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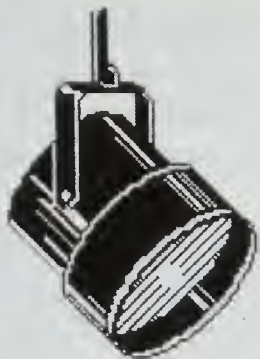
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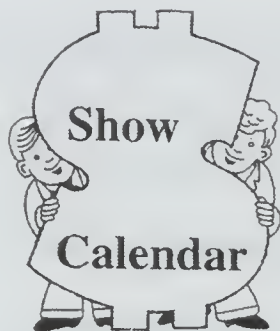
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June 9, 2007 - Rice Lake

Barron County Coin Show at Cedar Mall, 2900 S. Main St., Rice Lake. Hours: 9-4 p.m. Bourse Chair: Sue Peterson, PO Box 362, Rice Lake, WI 54868.

June 16, 2007 - Rhinelander

Northwoods Stamp & Coin Club's 26th Annual Show at James Williams Middle School, 915 Acacia Lane, Rhinelander. Hours: 9:00-5:00 p.m. Chairman: Larry Marten, 3295 Hancock Lake Rd. Harshaw, WI 54529. Phone 715-282-5636 or Bill Julian 715-277-2692.

June 21-24, 2007 - Rosemont, IL

26th Annual MidAmerica Coin Expo at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Contact Kevin Foley 414-421-3484.

June 29-July 1, 2007 - Baltimore MD

Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention at Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. Contact David Crenshaw, Whitman Publishing 404-214-4322 ext. 5322.

July 22, 2007 - Springfield, IL

18th Annual Summer Show at Northfield Center 1, 3210 Northfield Dr., Springfield IL.

August 8-12, 2007 - ANA

ANA World's Fair of Money 116th Anniversary Convention at Midwest Airlines Center in Milwaukee. Contact ANA Convention Dept. 719-632-2646.

August 19, 2007 - Fond du Lac

Fond du Lac Coin Show at Holiday Inn, 625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr., Fond du Lac. Hours: 9-4 p.m. Bourse Chm. Randy Miller 920-231-6161.

August 26, 2007 - Pleasant Prairie

Third Annual Gateway to Wisconsin Coin Show at Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Pleasant Prairie,

Kenosha South, 11800 108th Street (just east of Interstate 94 and south of Hwy. 165.). Hours: 9-3 p.m., 40 tables. Contact Jerry Binsfeld 262-657-4653 days.

September 6-9, 2007 - ILNA

Illinois Numismatic Assoc. Fall Coin Show at Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL

September 16, 2007 - Rockford, IL

Rockford Area Coin Show.

October 7, 2007 - Milwaukee

Milwaukee Numismatic Society's 72nd Coin Show at the American Sub Memorial Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee. Hours: 9-4 p.m. 64 Tables. Bourse Chm. Dave Hunsicker, 248 S. 7th Ave. West Bend, WI 53095-3221. Phone 262-338-6064.

October 21, 2007 - Green Bay

Nicolet Coin Club's Fall Coin Show at Comfort Suites/Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St., Green Bay, WI. Hours: 9-4 p.m. 39 tables. Bourse Chm. Roger Bohn, 1345 Ponderosa Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313. Phone 920-499-7035.

October 27, 2007 - Sheboygan Falls

Sheboygan Coin Show at Sheboygan Falls Municipal Hall, 375 Buffalo St., Sheboygan Falls. Hours: 9-4, 40 tables. Contact Ed Rautmann, PO Box 907, Sheboygan, WI 53082. Ph. 920-893-5874.

October 28, 2007 - Elgin, IL

Elgin Coin Club's 45th Annual Show at V.F.W. Post 1307, 1601 Weld Rd., Elgin, IL. Hours: 9-3 p.m. 32 tables; Y.N. auction at 1:00; door prizes & raffle prizes. General Chm. Don Cerny, PO Box 561, So. Elgin, IL 60177. Ph. 1-847-888-1449.

November 3, 2007 - Kenosha

Kenosha Coin Club's 50th Annual Coin Show at the Union Club, 3030 39th Ave. (1 mile north of Bradford High School), Kenosha, Hours: 9-4 p.m. 35 tables. Gen.Chm. Dick Roskres 262-554-0540 evenings or Bourse Chm. Jerry Binsfeld 262-657-4653 days.

November 8-10, 2007 - St. Louis, MO

National & World Paper Money Convention at St. Louis Hilton Airport Hotel, 10330 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO. Contact Kevin Foley 414-421-3484.

November 11, 2007 - Springfield, IL

Central Illinois Numismatic Assoc. 18th Annual Fall Coin Show at Northfield Center 1, 3210 Northfield Dr., Springfield. Contact Steve Butler 217-528-7634.

November 23-25, 2007 - Dearborn, MI

Michigan State Numismatic Society's 52nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Convention at Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Fairlane Dr. Contact: Don Charters 734-721-4991.

February 17, 2008 - Oshkosh

Wisconsin Coin Expos LLC 25th Annual Coin Show at Oshkosh Convention Center, Two North Main St., Oshkosh. Hours: 9-5 pm. Contact Randy Miller, Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54903. Ph. 920-231-6161. (formerly NRS Ltd.)

February 24, 2008 - Racine

Racine Numismatic Society's 70th Annual Coin Show at South Hills Country Club, 3047 Hwy. 41/94, Franksville, WI. Hours: 8:30-3 p.m. 41 tables. Gen. Chm. Dick Roskres at 262-554-0540 (evenings); Bourse Chm. Jerry Binsfeld, 262-657-4653 (days).

March 7-9, 2008 - ANA

American Numismatic Association's "National Money Show in Phoenix, AZ. Contact ANA Convention Dept. 719-632-2646.

March 16, 2008 - Appleton

Fox Valley Coin Club's 53rd Annual Spring Coin Show at Wave Bar & Ballroom, 2350 N. Casoloma Dr., Appleton. Hours 9-4 p.m. 40 tables. Show Chm. James Bayer, PO Box 1981, Appleton, WI 54912. Phone 920-739-1089.

March 27-30, 2008 - Rosemont IL

Chicago Paper Money Expo at Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare. Contact Kevin Foley 414-421-3484.

April 3-5, 2008 - Milwaukee

South Shore Coin Club's 44th Annual Show at Four Points Sheraton-Airport, Milwaukee. Contact Walter Weis 414-384-7966.

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March 13-15, 2009 - Portland, OR

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April 29-May 2, 2009 - Central States

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February 21, 2010 - Oshkosh

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